to continue the work of the Department and they were retained. This amount of Rs. 900 covers the pay of the clerk and the peon. This may be sanctioned.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I second it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the food produced ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Fresh leases have been granted, collection of loans, etc.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know whether fresh applications are being received.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Oh ! yes. Under the food production scheme no stamp was necessary. Now they have to be stamped.

Demand put and carried

10. Rs. 110 under 21—Miscellaneous (a) Refund of lapsed deposits—Cranganur

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 110 under 21—Miscellaneous—Refund of lapsed deposits (Cranganur). Certain items granted under Land Acquisition awards lapsed before they were claimed. Now they are being claimed and therefore we have to pay them. There was no provision in the Budget for payment of this. Hence this additional allotment.

Demand put and carried

11. Rs. 50 under 21—Miscellaneous (d)—Burial and funeral charges of paupers

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 50 under 21—Miscellaneous (d) burial and funeral charges of paupers. This also is for Cranganur. A number of paupers are dying so much so the provision that has been made, is found to be insufficient. Due to want of food, epidemics break out and many die.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: At the Standing Finance Committee Meeting a request was made by the Hon'ble Member for Cranganur to get information regarding the number of deaths.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The number is 12.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, Sir, what was the corresponding figure for the previous year.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: You asked for an information only for the first three months at that time. The last years' figure for the first 3 months cannot be given without any notice.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: You could have saved a lot of breath by saying "Notice". *(Laughter)*.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can information be supplied with regard to deaths in areas other than Municipal areas.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Whether any provision has been made in the rationing system for these paupers.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No provision is made under the ration system to issue ration to the paupers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Why I was asking for the information was to see whether we are going to have a miniature Calcutta here, which God forbid. That was the point of my enquiry.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: If paupers are not provided for how can they manage to get any food.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The matter has to be considered by a Committee.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: The Committee is not for this purpose.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is for an identical matter, that a Committee was appointed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Has anything been adopted up to this time.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No.

Demand put and carried

12. Rs. 3,000 under 23—Medical—Miscellaneous

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 3,000 under "23-Medical—Miscellaneous". This amount is towards contribution to the

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